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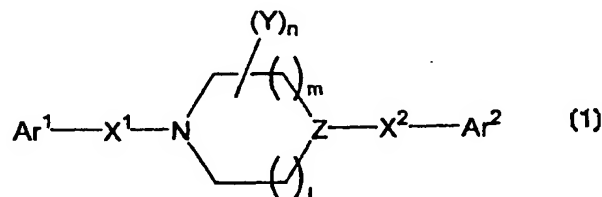
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(57) Abstract

The invention is directed to methods to treat conditions mediated by kinase using compounds of formula (1) and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition thereof, wherein Z is N or CR¹, R¹ is a noninterfering substituent, each of X¹ and X² is a linker, Ar¹ and Ar² are identical or different, and represent optionally substituted C1-C20 hydrocarbyl residues wherein at least one of Ar¹ and Ar² is an optionally substituted aryl group, with the proviso that when X² is CH₂ or an isostere thereof, X¹ is CO or an isostere thereof, and Ar² is optionally substituted phenyl, Ar¹ is other than an optionally substituted indolyl, benzimidazolyl or benzotriazolyl substituent, and wherein said optionally substituted phenyl is not an optionally substituted indolyl, benzimidazolyl, or benzotriazolyl, Y is a noninterfering substituent, wherein n is an integer from 0-4, and wherein m is an integer from 0-4 and l is an integer from 0-3.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Present claim 1 relates to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Furthermore, the substituents are not clearly defined in the dependent claims. Claim 14, for example, mentions several cyclic moieties which cannot be considered as aryl groups. As a consequence, a lack of clarity and conciseness within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible. The search had to be limited to the general inventive idea of piperidine or piperazine derivatives having P38 kinase inhibitory activity and to the compounds specifically mentioned in claim 21

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